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TOTAL POPULATION AND POPULATION BY SEX AND AGE

Total Population	95,322	95,802	101,355
Male	46,334	46,554	49,674
Female	48,988	49,248	51,681
Under 5 years	3,928	4,759	4,125
5 to 9 years	3,802	3,579	3,602
10 to 14 years	4,351	3,125	3,664
15 to 19 years	8,942	7,469	7,438
20 to 24 years	16,399	13,677	16,090
25 to 34 years	24,335	23,865	25,202
35 to 44 years	9,086	15,430	13,942
45 to 54 years	6,573	7,898	11,144
55 to 59 years	3,685	2,879	4,013
60 to 64 years	3,350	3,050	2,853
65 to 74 years	5,950	5,369	4,687
75 to 84 years	3,628	3,402	3,362
85 years and over	1,293	1,300	1,233
Median age (years)	28.6	31.1	30.4
18 years and over	80,345	82,190	87,908
Male	38,632	39,636	42,746
Female	41,713	42,554	45,162
21 years and over	70,853	73,532	79,078
62 years and over	12,799	11,885	10,884
Total 65 and over	10,871	10,071	9,282
Male	3,511	3,574	3,618
Female	7,360	6,497	5,664

RACE - ALONE (2000 CENSUS METHODOLOGY)¹

One race	--	--	96,734
White	78,460	72,122	69,022
Black or African American	10,418	12,930	12,079
American Indian and Alaska Native	184	288	290
Asian ²	3,612	8,110	12,036
Asian Indian	705	1,386	2,720
Chinese	1,571	3,471	4,854
Filipino	126	250	265
Japanese	609	734	943
Korean	493	1,302	1,901
Vietnamese	67	216	235
Other Asian ³	--	722	1,118

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RACE - ALONE - continued

Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ⁴	--	--	77
Native Hawaiian	25	15	28
Guamanian or Chamorro	8	8	16
Samoan	8	2	9
Other Pacific Islander ⁵	--	4	24
Some other race ⁶	2,648	2,381	3,230
Two or more races	--	--	4,621

RACE - ALONE OR IN COMBINATION (1980 & 1990 CENSUS METHODOLOGY)⁷

White	78,460	72,122	72,213
Black or African American	10,418	12,930	13,959
American Indian and Alaska Native	184	288	853
Asian ²	3,612	8,081	13,265
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ⁴	--	--	251
Some other race ⁶	2,648	2,381	5,734

HISPANIC OR LATINO⁸

Total population	95,322	95,802	101,355
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	4,536	6,506	7,455
Mexican	496	904	1,175
Puerto Rican	1,583	1,554	1,637
Cuban	279	268	270
Other Hispanic or Latino	2,178	3,780	4,373
Not Hispanic or Latino	90,786	89,709	93,900
Non-Hispanic White	75,793	68,550	65,425

RELATIONSHIP

Total population	95,322	95,802	101,355
Household Population ⁹	82,898	81,769	86,692
Householder	38,836	39,405	42,615
Spouse	12,163	12,177	12,408
Own Child	--	17,912	16,362
Own child under 18 years	13,768	12,451	12,293
Other relatives	--	3,339	3,378
Under 18 years	784	725	844
Nonrelatives	8,700	8,936	11,929
Unmarried partner	--	1,679	2,685
Group Quarters Population ¹⁰	12,424	14,033	14,663
Institutionalized ¹¹	1,102	1,269	505
Non-Institutionalized ¹²	11,332	12,764	14,158

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HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE

Total Households	38,836	39,405	42,615
Family households	17,415	17,575	17,595
With own children under 18 years	7,908	7,461	7,503
Married-couple family	12,163	12,177	12,408
With own children under 18 years	5,308	4,873	4,835
Female householder, no husband present	4,279	4,212	4,116
With own children under 18 years	2,286	2,251	2,342
Nonfamily households	21,421	21,830	25,020
Householder living alone	16,329	16,686	17,649
Householder 65 years and over	4,015	3,755	3,909
Households with individual(s) under 18 years	8,111	7,980	8,056
Households with individuals 65 years and over	7,918	7,336	7,218
Average household size	2.13	2.08	2.03
Average family size	3.10	2.90	2.83

HOUSING OCCUPANCY¹³

Total housing units	41,278	41,979	44,725
Occupied housing units	38,836	39,405	42,615
Vacant housing units	2,442	2,574	2,110
For seasonal, recreational or occasional use	--	174	587
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	--	0.9%	0.9%
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	--	2.1%	2.6%

HOUSING TENURE

Occupied housing units	38,836	39,405	42,615
Owner-occupied housing units	8,889	11,959	13,760
Renter-occupied housing units	29,947	27,446	28,855
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.57	2.27	2.16
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.01	1.99	1.97

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Footnotes

1. *Census 2000 was the first census to allow respondents to report more than one race for an individual. Hence, Census 2000 data indicates whether a respondent selected a single race category "alone" or two or more race categories. Due to this change in methodology, racial statistics reported from Census 2000 lack a one-to-one comparison with those reported by any previous Census.*
2. *The 1980 and 1990 Censuses grouped Asians and Pacific Islanders into a single category. The 2000 Census split the two groups into separate categories. To compare 2000 Census results to previous Census results compare the total of 2000 "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander" to the prior figures for Asian.*
3. *Total of "Other Asian" alone and two or more Asian categories. See Footnote 1 for more information.*
4. *The 2000 U. S. Census first treated "Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander" as a separate category. Previously, this category was treated as a subgroup of "Asian & Pacific Islander". To compare 2000 Census results to previous Census results compare the total of 2000 "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian & Other Pacific Islander" to the prior figures for "Asian".*
5. *Total of "Other Pacific islander" alone and two or more Pacific islander categories. See Footnote 1 for more information.*
6. *The category "Some Other Race" indicates that the respondent wrote in a race category not included elsewhere by the Census Bureau. Examples of responses coded as "Some Other Race" include various Hispanic groups, multiracial, mixed, Cajun, Cape Verdean and Creole.*
7. *The table labeled "alone or in combination" assigns each 2000 Census respondent to every race category he or she selected on the Census form. Thus, a person selecting both the "White" and "Black or African American" categories is counted twice in this table. As a consequence, the total of 2000 Census results sums to more than 100% of the corresponding population. 1980 and 1990 results are identical to those found in the preceding table.*
8. *Hispanic status is independent of race and reflects whether a respondent has origins in either Spain or the Spanish speaking countries of the western hemisphere.*
9. *Households consist of all persons who do not reside in group quarters, such as dormitories. Family Households consist of all households composed of more than one person whose members are related by birth, marriage or adoption.*
10. *Residents of Group Quarters include residents of dormitories, hospitals, nursing homes, group homes and jails. All persons who do not reside in Group Quarters reside in Households.*
11. *The Institutionalized Group Quarters population includes people under formally authorized, supervised care or custody in institutions such as correctional institutions, nursing homes, and juvenile institutions.*
12. *The Noninstitutionalized Group Quarters population includes all people who live in group quarters other than those in formally authorized, supervised care and includes settings such as college dormitories, military quarters, and group homes.*
13. *Due to differences in methodology and purpose, the housing units counts conducted by the U. S. Census are not comparable to those conducted by other sources, such as the City of Cambridge Assessing Department.*

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Footnotes

Sources:

All information provided in this table was collected using the U. S. Census short form survey instrument answered by all household and group quarters residents.

- 1980 information from Summary Tape File 1A Profile of City of Cambridge, Mass., Massachusetts Institute for Social & Economic Research (MISER), undated, except for statistics about families with own children from Summary File 3 Profile of City of Cambridge, Mass., MISER, undated.
- 1990 information from Summary Tape File 1 Profile of City of Cambridge, Mass., MISER, undated, except for statistics about married couple and female headed households with own children taken from Selected Characteristics to Supplement STF1 Data: 1990 (for comparison to Census 2000 100% Demographic Profile), U. S. Census File ftp://www2.census.gov/census_1990/other/2kprfl90a.txt, 2001.
- 2000 information from Table DP-1: Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000, Geographic Area: Cambridge City, Massachusetts, 2001.